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KANSAS SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM EXPANSION



On Wednesday, April 30, 2003, Kansas Department of Health and Environment held a satellite training conference at 15 sites throughout the state. The training reviewed plans for expanding the Kansas Smallpox Vaccination Program. The training consisted of a two-hour video and a live broadcast with a question and answer period bringing a vast number of questions from local health department participants. The panel addressing questions was Richard Morrissey, Acting Director of Health, Dr. Gianfranco Pezzino, MD, MPH, State Epidemiologist/Medical Director, Mindee Reece, Bioterrorism Program Director, Sue Bowden, RN, Director of Immunization Program, and Terri Ploger-McCool, Bioterrorism Education & Training. Linda Frazier, RN, Public Health Workforce Development Coordinator, coordinated all the logistics for each of the 15 sites. Approximately 160 participants attended the satellite training across the state.



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RURAL PHYSICIAN NAMED 2003 KANSAS FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR



Rick Rajewski, MD, is the 2003 Kansas Family Physician of the Year. Dr. Rajewski is a family physician in Hays and a clinical assistant professor at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita. Dr. Rajewski was born and grew up in rural Ellis County. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas,

Lawrence, graduated from the KU School of Medicine - Wichita, and completed his residency in family practice at St. Joseph Medical Center in Wichita.

After completing his residency, he returned to Hays, where he and his family have lived for 24 years. The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) granted Dr. Rajewski the award after a nomination process. Dr. Rajewski will be recognized for this award at the KAFP Annual Meeting & Scientific Session on June 19, 2003.

MT. CARMEL RECEIVES AVON GRANT for Mobile Mammography Van



Mt. Carmel Regional Cancer Center in Pittsburg, was one of four new programs in the United States to receive mobile mammography vans and operational expenses for two years. The CDC Foundation announced that a total of eight community organizations were awarded grants to implement mobile mammography screening programs to reach underserved women such as the uninsured or those living in geographically remote areas. Funding for the initiative was provided by a \$4.1 million grant from the Avon Foundation, Inc.

Mt. Carmel Regional Cancer Center was one of the four new programs selected with the other three located in Texas, Michigan and North Carolina. As part of the application, grantees had to demonstrate their ability to successfully sustain the program after the two year grant period ends to ensure continuity of services within the community.

This grant extends the network of services to reach women most in need, those that are hard-to-reach and those who are rarely or never screened for breast cancer. Mt. Carmel has been a Provider with the Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (FREE to Know) for breast and cervical screening services to women in southeast Kansas since 1998.

Congratulations to Mt. Carmel for their efforts in providing services in southeast Kansas!

KANSAS MINORITY HEALTH ADVOCACY NETWORK

The purpose of the Kansas Minority Health Advocacy Network (KMHAN) is to bring together key leaders as well as community-based groups across the state of Kansas to advocate to public and private entities to be accountable to racial and ethnic minorities by eliminating health status

disparities. KMHAN is an outgrowth of the 1999 Governor's Improvement Plan, which was established through the Robert Wood Johnson's Turning Point Initiative. Currently, there are more than 70 members of KMHAN from across the state. The Center for Health & Wellness, Wichita, KS, is the lead agency for this organization.

The Kansas Minority Health Advocacy Network's



vision is to eliminate the disparities in health status among populations of color in Kansas, including African Americans, Hispanics, Native

Americans, Asians, and Pacific Islanders. The Kansas 2000 census shows that the state's racial and ethnic diversity is 17%, which is an increase from the 12% in 1990 (U.S. Census 1990-2000). Based on data from Kansas Vital Statistics, minorities suffer disproportionately from ill health compared to the rest of the population. In spite of the increase in health dollars spent by the State towards health services over the past ten years, the health of Kansas minorities continues to show significant lack of improvement in all areas of health and show cause for alarm in some areas.

The specific *goals* of KMHAN include: 1) reduce health care costs; 2) eliminate the health status disparities for ethnic/racial minorities; 3) promote disease prevention and health education for populations of color; 4) support the statewide health advocacy network; 5) insure accountability of health service delivery systems; 6) promote cultural sensitivity and competence in the health care delivery systems; and 7) establish a Department of Minority Health.

KIPHS



UPDATE

by Pete Kitch

On June 17th, Kansas public health professionals will have a unique opportunity to hear and meet one of the country's top leaders in public health information systems - Dave Ross. Mr. Ross will be the keynote speaker at the KALHD Mid-Year Meeting in Salina.

After the Sedgwick County Health Department became interested in acquiring new clinic software in the mid 1990's and HumanSoft was retained as the private partner in a joint KIPHS development effort, the Kansas Health Foundation became interested in making the software available to other health departments in Kansas. This opportunity arose because we had reserved the rights to use the jointly developed software for any purpose in Kansas. In late 1997 Steve Coen from the Kansas Health Foundation and I flew to Atlanta for a meeting with the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to discuss the KIPHS conceptual design, project plan, and overall objectives. Martha Katz who had previously been the acting director of CDC and author of the "Katz Report", a study of information system usage and shortcomings at CDC organized the meeting. Upon arrival at the CDC Foundation, Martha indicated she had invited Dave Ross from CDC to attend the meeting, but she hadn't heard from him and indicated he had an extremely busy schedule. Martha felt he was the most important information system technology oriented person within CDC and could add a great deal to the discussion.

Dave arrived shortly before lunch and was still there until well after 5pm. During the afternoon he and I discovered we had similar views on the way in which systems should be developed within the public health environment. Dave is currently one of the most influential people in public health informatics, and heads up the Public Health Informatics Institute, funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He is a wonderful communicator and visionary. You won't want to miss the KALHD meeting in Salina on June 17th!

Public Health Personnel Update

Michael Cameron - began work on March 31 as the Bioterrorism (BT) Program's new Risk Communications Specialist. Michael most recently served as the Public Information Officer for the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office and has a strong background in media relations, risk communication, data analysis, and volunteer recruitment and training.

Tom Clements, MD, MPH - who has been serving as the KDHE Bioterrorism Program's Senior Medical Epidemiologist, has accepted an appointment to serve as a part-time Special Projects Medical Officer

for the Bioterrorism Program effective April 28. In his new capacity, Dr. Clements will provide clinical leadership for a variety of medical, surveillance, and epidemiologic projects, including ongoing work involved with the Kansas Smallpox Vaccination Program. Recruitment efforts are underway to fill the Bioterrorism Program's full-time Senior Medical Epidemiologist position.

Amber Hermreck - began work on January 13 as the Bioterrorism Program's Community Activities Liaison. She serves as the liaison to the Bioterrorism Coordination Council and the Kansas Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Planning Committee. Amber most recently served as both the assistant to the First Lady of Kansas and was the tour director for Cedar Crest, the Kansas Governor's Residence. Amber has a BA in Political Science from Baker University.

Katy Miley - will begin work as the Bioterrorism Program's Contingency Planner on May 27, 2003. Katy most recently served as the Environmental Manager for Kansas State University and holds a BS degree in Biology and a MS degree in Environmental Science. Katy has experience in environmental management, contingency planning and compliance activities.

Nkolika Obiesie, DVM, MPH - joined the Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention as an epidemiologist serving the Bioterrorism Program effective March 2, 2003. She is part of the Epidemiologic Services Section and will work out of the Wyandotte County Health Department in Kansas City. Most recently, Nkolika has served as an epidemiologist in the Cancer Control Program within the KDHE Bureau of Health Promotion. She worked as a veterinarian in Nigeria before moving to the U.S. Nkolika brings with her a great deal of analytical and epidemiologic expertise.

Mike Parsons - is the new Medicaid Outreach Project Manager for the Immunization Program. He comes from the Food Protection Program where he served as a Health Educator and worked previously for the Department of Revenue as a Staff Development Specialist. He has a BA in mass communications. Mike will be working on a grant funded project with SRS to raise Medicaid immunization rates in preschool children.

Debra Warren - is the new Immunization Registry Project Manager. Debra most recently served as the Director of Institutional Research at Washburn University and has a MBA degree with coursework

in local area network administration and computer programming. She comes to the Immunization Program just as the needs assessment for a new immunization registry is being completed by a consultant and will be vital in the implementation of a new system.

**ANN MAYO, MS, RS - RECEIVES NATIONAL CERTIFICATION
from National Environmental Health Association**



Ann Mayo, MS, RS, has been employed with the Lyon County Health Department since 1987 and serves as the Director/Program Manager of Inspection and Regulation and Bioterrorism. Prior to accepting her position at the health department she taught the following courses at Emporia State University (ESU): Human Biology, Genetics, Genetics Lab, Cell Physiology Lab, and Inorganic Chemistry Lab. She is an Adjunct Professor at ESU and has taught Environmental Health and Human Disease there for a number of years.

After receiving her BS in Biology in 1982, Ann began working on her MS with an emphasis in Microbiology in 1985. Also in 1985 she received postgraduate certification to teach high school biology, chemistry and physical science. The Kansas Association of Sanitarians recognized her contributions as a Sanitarian and presented her with a special recognition award in 1989. In 1990 Ann became a professionally registered sanitarian in Kansas and submitted her paperwork to become registered as an Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian in 2003.

Mayo has received awards of recognition from ESU, Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). She is co-author of several Kansas State University (KSU) bulletins related to wastewater and has applied and received various grants for Water Protection. Ann initiates ServSafe Classes in Lyon County, conducts surveys on lagoons and lagoon inspection protocol in the State of Kansas. Ann has chaired and been a committee member of the Environmental Health Handbook Committee (Kansas Sanitarians guidebook), maintains a contract with KDHE for food service inspection in Lyon County and has presented the updated sanitation code to the community (which is currently under review). This year, Ann has

become the manager of the Bioterrorism Unit for the Lyon County Health Department.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ann for receiving national certification through the National Environmental Health Association.

TAKE IT OUTSIDE THIS FATHER'S DAY



In honor of Father's Day this year, give your child the gift of health: take it outside. In Kansas, approximately 161,000 kids are exposed to secondhand smoke at home. Children who are exposed to secondhand smoke are more vulnerable to suffer more often from asthma, acute respiratory illnesses, acute middle ear diseases, coughing and wheezing and other health symptoms. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that secondhand smoke is responsible for between 150,000 and 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections in infants and children under 18 months of age, resulting in between 7,500 and 15,000 hospitalizations each year.



A few basic actions can protect children from secondhand smoke: 1) Choose not to smoke in your home or car and do not allow family and visitors to do so. Infants and toddlers are especially vulnerable to the health risks from secondhand smoke. 2) Do not allow childcare providers or others who work in your home to smoke. 3) Until you can quit, choose to smoke outside. Moving to another room or opening a window is not enough to protect your children.

For more information on how you can quit for your family or protect your loved ones from secondhand smoke contact the Kansas Department of Health & Environment's Tobacco Use Prevention Program at 877-602-0368.



IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Status of the Kansas Immunization Registry



*Deb Warren
Project Manager for the Kansas
Immunization Registry*

Last summer, a consultant was hired to conduct a Needs Assessment Study to research, examine, interview and evaluate potential registry vendors. In addition, a number of "home grown/public domain" registry software packages were reviewed. The consultant coordinated site visits, interviewed 9 vendors and their respective clients, researched public domain sites and their extended users, actively pursued input from all the identified KDHE internal and external interface partners, communicated frequent updates and responded to all additional requests made by the Department of Immunization at KDHE. A draft report was submitted with two recommended registry solutions. Once the Department of Immunization has received and accepted the consultant's final report, we will prepare and submit a feasibility study report to the Kansas Information Technology Office for official approval of the project. The Kansas Immunization registry will be beneficial to a multitude of public health entities, organizations and affiliates.

Adult Immunization Update 2003

The National Immunization Program and Public Health Training Network presents "Adult Immunization Update 2003." The satellite broadcast and webcast will be June 26 from 11:00am to 1:30pm CDT.

Goal: To improve Immunization practices in the United States.

Program Objectives: Summarize the morbidity and mortality of vaccine-preventable diseases in adults in the United States. Describe vaccines routinely recommended for adults. List two strategies to increase adult immunization coverage levels. Identify two immunization initiatives that target specific adult populations.

Target Audience: Physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, DoD paraprofessionals, pharmacists and their colleagues who either give immunizations or set policy for their offices, clinics, communicable disease or infection control programs. Both private and public health care providers, including pediatricians, family



practice specialists, residents and medical and nursing students.

To register, visit the CDC/ATSDR Training and Continuing Education Online System at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtnonline> to register online at a site near you. Individual registration will begin May 22, 2003. Continuing education credit will be offered for a variety of professions, based on 2.5 hours of instruction. *Continuing Education credit will be available only through the CDC/ATSDR Training and Continuing Education Online System.*

This program will have a live webcast and will also be available after June 26, 2003 at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/webcast/Adult-Imm03>



Bee Wise - Immunize

Immunization Billing Options Informational Workshop

Immunization Billing Options Informational Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2003 at the Fort Hays State College

Union, Hays, in the Ballroom from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please park across the street from the Union in Lots A1 or A2. Speakers from BCBS of Kansas, SRS/Medicaid, KIPHS, Insurance Commissioners Office and KDHE Immunization Department will be present. There will be a time for questions and answers at the end of the workshop. There is no fee for the workshop, but you will need to register by e-mail to Debbie Whitmer, ARNP, North Central Kansas Public Health Nurse Specialist, Salina, as soon as possible. Debbie's e-mail address dwhitmer@kdhe.state.ks.us

Vaccine Information Statements



Publishers of
NEEDLE TIPS and **VACCINATE ADULTS!**

Immunization Action Coalition

Vaccine Information Statements are now available in multi-languages for local health departments. To obtain your multi-language handouts go to:

<http://www.immunize.org/vis/#index>

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

The next round of Regional Administrator Meetings will include the following speakers and topics:

Linda Frazier – Competencies and Update on PH online resources

Tobacco Prevention Educator – Updates

KDHE Medical Investigator – Updates & Disease Surveillance

Northeast: Next meeting June 12, 2003, at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm.

North Central: Next meeting is scheduled from 9:30am-3pm on June 24, 2003 at the Smith County Health Department.

Northwest: Next meeting is June 12, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the NW Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please RSVP to Georgetta Schoenfeld for a lunch count at 785-672-4502 or email at lgcohdgeorgetta@colbyweb.com.

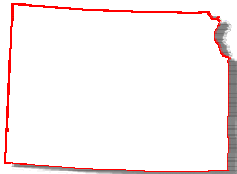
Southeast: Look for next meeting date in July's "Connections."

Southwest: Look for next meeting date in July's "Connections".

Central KS: Next meeting is July 23, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the Reno County Health Department in Hutchinson from 10am-3pm.

South Central Coalition: Next meeting is July 11, 2002, from 9am-3pm at the Ambulance Barn in Pratt.

AROUND THE STATE



Brown County News

For the first time in the history of Northeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department, the Brown County Health Department now has a full time nurse practitioner on board. Arlene Long received her MSN in December 2002 from UMKS and began taking clients in January 2003. She is also board certified in family practice.

Crawford County

On Sunday, May 4, 2003, at 5:15pm a F4 strength tornado was headed northeast aiming straight for Medical Investigator, Joe Cukjati's, farmstead. When the tornado hit an old mining shale dump – it diverted to the east, directly into the heart of downtown Franklin, Kansas. This

tornado started in southeastern Kansas and ambled on the ground for twenty-six minutes, destroying 400 homes and innumerable barns and sheds, continuing its path into Missouri. Six lives were lost in Kansas as a result of the storm.

The Crawford County Sheriff's office was instrumental in saving many lives by alerting citizens with their deputies. They also followed the tornado and noted the damage, calling for an all out disaster team to be assembled in and around Ringo and Franklin, Kansas. The Crawford County Emergency Planner opened an incident command center in Franklin and directed security immediately after the tornado with the help of the National Guard. Subsequent days had the Crawford County Health Department with volunteers from adjoining counties to command different medical posts to treat minor wounds and to give first aid supplies and tetanus injections. Over 400 tetanus injections were given by the Crawford County Health Department in Franklin alone.

Over 300 volunteers showed up in Franklin to help with the clean up process. Mostly everything was destroyed by the immense power of the tornado. Whole large houses were reduced to fractured boards of one foot or less in many instances. There were many amazing stories of survival and rescue. One fatality occurred in Franklin. This photo is a tent Crawford County Health Department set up next to the Incident Command station.



Pictured: l to r - Debbie Baugher, Labette County Health Department Director, Joe Cukjati, Medical Investigator, SE Kansas, and Janis Godecke, Crawford County Health Department Director.

Finney County



The Finney County Health Department is accepting applications for an ARNP to provide primary care in the areas of Family Planning and to act as Clinical Director. This is a supervisory position responsible

for the operation of the Health Clinic in accordance with professional standards and accepted public health procedures. This position functions independently and interdependently under the guidance of written protocols approved by the FCHD Medical Director. Must be microscopy proficient, must possess knowledge of advanced nursing in women's health issues with a minimum of five years of nursing experience, three years of supervisory experience and a minimum of one year ARNP experience. Excellent benefit package including medical/dental plan, KPERS retirement, vacation and sick leave plus paid holidays. Please call for more information or send a resume and cover letter including references to:

Cheryl Kottke, Administrator
Finney County Health Department
919 Zerr Road, Garden City, KS 67846
620-272-3600

NEWS CAPS

Nursing School Enrollment is on the Rise



Enrollment in the entry-level baccalaureate nursing programs increased by 8%

in fall 2002, according to a study by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). This is the second time in two years that enrollment has climbed - after a six year period of decline. However, the study notes that the number of students in the educational



pipeline is still insufficient to meet the projected demand for a million new nurses over the next 10 years.

To order a copy of the 2002 - 2003 Enrollment and Graduations in Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs in Nursing, go to the AACN Web site, <http://www.aacn.nche.edu>

Nursing Scholarships & Grants Available



In response to the national nursing shortage, the Nurse Reinvestment Act

of 2002 was signed into law in August 2002. The Act amended Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act: Nursing Workforce Development (the primary authorization of existing Federal nursing programs) and authorized new programs to increase the number of qualified nurses and the quality of nursing services in the U.S.

Funding to implement the new programs was appropriated by Congress in February 2003. A total of nine millions dollars is now available through three grant programs targeted to recruiting and retaining registered nurses. Applications for a fourth program designed to provide nursing scholarships will be available on the HRSA Bureau of Health Professions web site. More information on all programs can be found at: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/reinvestmentact.htm>

GENERAL WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

Introduction to Basic Epidemiology

Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention

Outbreak Investigation the next training session presented by Denise Curtis, Senior Epidemiologist at the following locations and dates:

Garden City – July 9
Oakley – July 10
Topeka – July 18
Salina – July 22
Wichita – July 28
Chanute – July 24

The final session, **Surveillance** will be on the following locations and dates:

Garden City – September 3
Oakley – September 4
Salina – September 8
Chanute – September 18
Topeka – September 19
Wichita – September 30

Cross-Cultural Communication in Health Care: Building Organizational Capacity



The HRSA Center for Health Services Financing and Managed Care and HHS Office of Minority Health presents a practical and dramatic look at increasing language services in managed care settings for low-income populations. Selected experts includes Shani Dowd, L.C.S.W., Director/Clinical Cultural Competency Training at

the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Robert C. Like, MD. MS, Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Healthy Families and Cultural Diversity at the Department of Family Medicine UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

What you will learn:

- Why delivering culturally and linguistically appropriate care makes sense from business and quality perspectives
- How organizations are effectively providing linguistically appropriate care
- What you can do to build your organization's capacity to deliver linguistically appropriate care
- Where you can go for useful information and resources

How you will learn:

- Experts in the field offer rationale and best practices
- Dramatic illustration highlight successful strategies and common pitfalls
- Video clips from interviews of actual patients and physicians enhance understanding

Who should attend:

- HRSA grantees and sub-grantees, including Ryan white Care Act (HIV/AIDS Providers)
- Maternal and Child Health Programs; School-Based Health Clinic Programs; Rural Health Providers; Community, Migrant, Homeless Health centers; Academic Health Centers; Health Professional Schools
- OMH grantees including Bilingual/Bicultural service demonstration Program, Community Programs to Improve Minority Health, Health Disparities in Minority Health Program, Technical Assistance and Capacity Development for HIV/AIDS Services in Minority Communities, Minority Community Health Coalition Demonstration Program-HIV/AIDS, State and Territorial Minority HIV/aids demonstration Program
- State Medicaid agencies; State and Local Health departments; Managed Care Plans with Medicaid enrollees; all other safety net providers and organizations involved in delivering managed health care (including behavioral health services) to low-income populations

This satellite broadcast will be Wednesday, June 4, from 12:00-2:30pm CDT. In Topeka there are two sites – KU Management Center, Room C in the KNEA Building, 715 SW 10th Street, and Kansas State Board of Education, 120 SE 10th, 2nd Floor Conference Room. Please go to the following web

site, choose a location, and register to attend. There is limited seating available at each site. <http://www.hrsa.gov/financeMC/broadcast/default.htm>

Medical Interpreter Training

The next project period:

Great Bend, June 2-3/June 11-13, Job Service Center (2nd Floor), Extension of Barton County Community College, 1025 Main, Great Bend, Kansas.

Salina, July 17-18/July 23-25, 2003.



If you have questions or would like an application for the Medical Interpreter Training being presented in your area, please call Elizabeth Kizzie at the Jewish Vocational Services, Kansas City, Missouri, at (816) 471-2808, ext 142. For additional questions or concerns, please contact Anita Hodge, KDHE at (785) 368-8110.

Kansas Emergency Management 2003 Training



Multihazard Safety Program for Schools – June 3-4 – Beloit

Critical Incident Stress Management – July 22-23 – Ulysses

Terrorism Exercise Design and Evaluation – July 22-25 – Beloit

Basic Public Information Officer – August 7-8 – Hays

Terrorism Planning Course Train-the-Trainer – August 12-14 – Topeka

Mass Fatalities – August 19-21 – Topeka

Information on each course can be found at <http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>. Changes and updates to the training schedule will be posted on the website and in the Kansas Emergency Management Newsletter, published quarterly. For an application please call the Training Office at 785-274-1412.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Kansas State Board of Nursing - <http://www.ksbn.org>

Area Health Education Centers (AHECs)

Look for the AHEC trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call at 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call at 620-235-4040

SAVE THE DATE!!! 3rd Annual Sizzlin' Summer symposium July 16-17, 2003 – "Trauma on the Plains" – Hays

To order Tapes/CDs: Public Health Foundation
Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm> CDC BT
programs-<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/trainig/index.asp>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing - KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program at <http://www.ku.edu/schools>

Washburn PHN Certification Program: email Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's web site at <http://www.rnce.org>

Online Continuing Education

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars –

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us>. Click on the calendar you wish to view.

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings at

<http://www.trainingfinder.org>.

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine–

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training–

<http://bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness –

<http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness –

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.as>

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Public Health Training Centers –

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers –

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resurces.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers –

<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/index.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice –

<http://www.Trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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